

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 8 with the following:

Figs. 8 and 9 are plan views of a flattened section of stents 40, 42 of the present invention, which illustrate the serpentine patterns of the stents as well as varying configurations of reinforcing members 44, 46. In the preferred embodiment illustrated in Fig. 8, stent 40 is comprised of a plurality of radially expandable cylindrical elements 48 disposed generally coaxially and interconnected by interconnection members 50 which are essentially parallel to the longitudinal stent axis when the stent 40 is in the unexpanded low profile.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 16 with the following:

As in the earlier described embodiments, the present preferred embodiment shown in Fig. 8 includes alternating peak portions 52 and valley portions 54. Each peak portion 52 or valley portion 54 is essentially a bend 56 interconnecting straight struts 58. In this embodiment, each peak portion 52 or valley portion 54 in each cylindrical element is reinforced by reinforcing member 44 extending across bend 56 to interconnect struts 58. In the preferred embodiment depicted in Fig. 8, reinforcing member 44 has an inverted loop 60 that extends in a direction opposite to bend 56. Optionally, interconnecting members 50 may be integrated into loop 60 of reinforcing member 44 as seen in Fig. 9.